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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2004 be extended for a period of three months from May 24, 2004 to August 24, 2004. The required fee for the extension is estimated to be \$950.

Please charge the required fee, estimated to be \$950, to Novozymes North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-1701. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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